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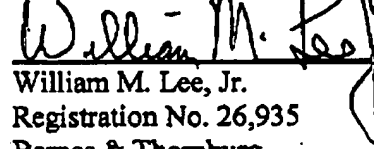
A first office action dated July 31, 2003 regarding this application has been received. Because the office action is unclear, the examiner's reissuance of the office action and further direction are requested.

The office action summary indicates that claims 1 through 15 have been rejected by the examiner. However, in numbered section 3 beginning on page 2 of the office action, only claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 13 have been rejected by the examiner. In numbered section 4 on page 3 of the office action, the examiner mentions claims 2, 7, 9 and 11, but does not indicate if and how those claims are being rejected. Also, the remaining claims (3, 4, 14 and 15) have not been mentioned at all.

Since it appears that the office action is incomplete, it is requested that the examiner clarify the situation and reissue the office action. Also, it is requested that the time for response to the office action be set to begin upon mailing of the replacement office action.

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Respectfully submitted,



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